

CLAIMS:

1. Method of retrieving data objects (202, 204, 206, 208) stored in a storage device (122) organised in allocation units (352, 354, 356, 358) , the method comprising the steps:
 - a) selecting multiple pre-determined data objects of a particular type for retrieval;
 - 5 b) determining whether a selected first data object is stored fragmented over multiple allocation units;
 - c) if the selected first data object is stored fragmented over multiple allocation units:
 - i.) selecting a second data object of the particular type stored close to the selected first data object, the second data object not being stored fragmented over
 - 10 multiple allocation units; and
 - ii.) unselecting the selected first data object; and
 - d) retrieving the selected data objects.
2. Method according to claim 1, wherein the data objects are stored in a sequence and second data object is selected from a group of data objects between and including:
 - a) a selected third data object, wherein the selected third data object is the closest selected data object in the sequence prior to the selected first data object; and
 - 15 b) the selected first data object.
3. Method according to claim 2, wherein the second data object is the selected third data object.
4. Method according to claim 1, wherein the data objects are stored in a sequence and the second data object is selected from a group of data objects between and including:
 - a) a selected fourth data object, wherein the selected fourth data object is the closest selected data object in the sequence after the selected first data object; and
 - 25 b) the selected first data object.

5. Method according to claim 4, wherein the second data object is the selected fourth data object.
6. Method according to claim 1, wherein the data objects are frames comprised
5 by a video stream (200).
7. Method according to claim 6, wherein stream is coded and comprises intra-coded and inter-coded frames and the data objects of the particular type are intra-coded frames.
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8. Method according to claim 1, wherein the storage device is a disk based medium.
9. Circuit (124) for retrieving data objects (202, 204, 206, 208) stored in a
15 storage device (122) organised in allocation units (352, 354, 356, 358), the circuit comprising a processing unit (124) conceived to
- a) select multiple pre-determined data objects of a particular type for retrieval;
 - b) determine whether a selected first data object is stored fragmented over multiple allocation units;
 - 20 c) if the selected first data object is stored fragmented over multiple allocation units:
 - i.) select a second data object of the particular type stored close prior to or after the first selected data object, the second data object not being stored fragmented over multiple allocation units; and
 - ii.) unselect the selected first data object; and
 - 25 d) retrieve the selected data objects.
10. Apparatus (110) for rendering of audiovisual data, comprising a memory for storing audiovisual data, the circuit according to claim 9 for retrieving audiovisual data from the memory and means for rendering the retrieved audiovisual data.
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11. Computer programme product (126) for programming a processing unit to execute the method according to claim 1.

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- 12. Record carrier (126) carrying the computer programme product according to claim 11.**
- 13. Programmed computer enabled to execute the method according to claim 1.**